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In re Patent Application of:  
Yoshiaki Usami, et al.

Application No.: 10/004,799

Confirmation No.: 7617

Filed: December 7, 2001

Art Unit: 3623

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For: GROUP MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
METHOD FOR BUILDING, SUPPORT  
DEVICE, SUPPORT SYSTEM, AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM STORAGE  
MEDIUM

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Examiner: K. Deshpande

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Dear Sir:

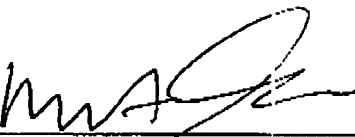
Applicants' undersigned representative wishes to thank Examiner Deshpande for the courteous and helpful telephonic conference on July 11, 2006, during which the Examiner agreed to withdraw the Office Action dated February 16, 2006. Enclosed herewith please find copies of the First Preliminary Amendment filed April 3, 2002, and the date-stamped postcard confirming the Amendment was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 3, 2002.

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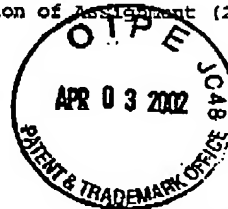
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Title: GROUP MANAGEMENT SERVICE SUPPORT METHOD FOR BUILDING, SUPPORT  
DEVICE, SUPPORT SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

**Documents Filed:**

Request for Corrected Notice of Recordation of Assignment (2 pages) and copy  
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Preliminary Amendment (3 pages)



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For: GROUP MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
SUPPORT METHOD FOR BUILDING,  
SUPPORT DEVICE, SUPPORT SYSTEM,  
AND COMPUTER PROGRAM STORAGE  
MEDIUM

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

In the Claims

6. (Amended) A computer program storage medium which is a program storage medium for storing a computer program capable of being read by a computer stores a program code of said device or said system described in Claim 3.

7. (Amended) A building group management service support method according to any of claim 1 and claim 2, wherein:

any of said facility operation evaluation and said user evaluation is executed by a

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terminal of an evaluation company which is a third person independent from any of said facility manager and said maintenance company.

### REMARKS

Claim 6 has been amended to cure an improper multiple dependent claim. Claim 6 previously depended from claims 3, 4, and 5. Claim 5 is a multiple dependent claim. Claim 6 has been amended to depend only from claim 3. Claim 7 has been corrected to overcome an obvious typographical error. Please charge any fees due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 04-1073.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Favorable action on the application is solicited.

Dated: April 3, 2002

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6. (Amended) A computer program storage medium which is a program storage medium for storing a computer program capable of being read by a computer stores a program code of said device or said system described in Claim 3[, or 4, or 5].

7. (Amended) A building group management service support method according to any of claim 1 and claim 2, wherein:

any of said facility operation evaluation [or] and said user evaluation is executed by a terminal of an evaluation company which is a third person [independently] independent from any of said facility manager [or] and said maintenance [companies] company.